



Kendall County Board News Briefs...

Pursue more out-of-county inmates for jail: official

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Kendall County Board member Don Hausler told his board colleagues Tuesday that he would like the county sheriff's department to work to bring more prisoners from outside the county to the county's new 63 bed jail.

Kendall County stands to gain revenue from other area counties who house their prisoners in the Kendall jail.

Hausler suggested that out of county prisoners should be "aggressively pursued."

Responding to Hausler's comments, Sheriff's Department Commander Rich Herron reported the department expects to receive ten prisoners from DuPage County this week.

The new prisoners, he said, should bring the total of number of prisoners at the facility to 34.

Courthouse meeting

In other business Tuesday, board member Tom Fletcher announced that the future of the county courthouse building will be discussed by members of a special ad hoc board committee on Monday, Feb. 1. The session will begin at 7 p.m. at the county office building, 110 W. Ridge Street in Yorkville and is open to the public.

The committee, appointed by board chairman James Boan last month, is expected to make a recommendation to the full board concerning the future of the courthouse in approximately 60 days. Board members have been debating whether or not to attempt to renovate the building which dates to the 1860s, or building an entirely new facility.

In a related matter, Fletcher reported that his committee recently toured the new Grundy County office building in Morris and plans to visit the renovated DeKalb County courthouse in Sycamore.

Park vote delayed

At the request of two residents of Sundown Lane in unincorporated Oswego Township, board members agreed to table a vote on a resolution asking the Illinois Attorney General's office not to sue the Oswegoland Park District for failing to comply with state plans to clean-up Saw Wee Kee Park. Sections of the 150 acre park were used as a municipal dump site until the mid-1960s.

The Board referred the matter to committee after Sundown Lane residents Neil Hambly and Ramona Capalby voiced strong objections to the resolution which was drafted by the park district.

Hambly told the board that he and other residents near the park are concerned about the health risks posed by chemicals and other items allegedly dumped on the property.

"If you want the truth, we will gladly meet with you," Capalby told the board.

Board member Robert Davidson noted that the board had agreed to consider--and not necessarily approve--the park district's resolution during Tuesday's meeting.

Orchard Road contract

Board members voted to pay G.A. Blocker Excavating of Oswego \$500 to remove the remaining nursery stock from property the county recently acquired for the proposed Orchard Road extension project.

County officials expect work to begin on the road project this spring. Contractors will extend the road from Galena Road at Montgomery's municipal limits in Bristol Township to U.S. Route 34 near Oswego.

Loan application approved

In a unanimous ballot, board members approved a preapplication for a \$135,000 loan from the county's economic development commission to Doyle Construction of Oswego. The firm is seeking the loan monies to expand its business.

The board also agreed to table a loan request totaling \$50,000 from the Yorkville Ace HomeCenter pending the receipt of additional loan security information.

Meeting date changed

Due to the Friday, Feb. 12 Lincoln's birthday state holiday, board members agreed to hold their monthly executive meeting on Thursday, Feb. 11. The session will start at 4 p.m. in the board meeting room at the county office building. The next regular board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, Feb. 16 at 9 p.m. also at the county office building.